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REPLY BRIEF

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This Reply Brief is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §41.41(1)(a) to address arguments presented in the Examiner's Answer (the EA) mailed on October 21, 2005 in response to the Appeal Brief filed on July 28, 2005.

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In section 9 of the Examiner's Answer, the Examiner reiterates his rejection of appealed claims 1-5, 7-15, 17-24, 26-33 and 35-38 over the article entitled "Color SuperHistograms for Video Representation" by Dimitrova (Dimitrova) in view of U.S. Patent 5,805,733 to Wang (Wang). Appellants respectfully disagree.

Referring to Wang on page 4 of the EA, the Examiner asserts that

"Wang et al. further teach selecting representative keyframe images from each group of related scenes to create a compact visual summary of the video material (summarizing a video sequence by taking one representative frame from each set of related scenes with similar average color histograms, to represent the set to enable the user to view a larger sampling of video sequence images) (Wang et al.: column 1, lines 51-67 and column 2, lines 1-24)"

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